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## Citizen Police Academy

PARMA – The Parma Police Department proudly announces the establishment of a Citizen's Police Academy. The first academy will begin on April 28, 2007 and run for 10 consecutive weeks, meeting on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The academy will be open to persons 18 years of age or older who reside or work within the city of Parma and have not been convicted of a felony. Class size will be limited to 16 individuals. However, those who cannot be accommodated in this first academy may be able to attend the next one tentatively scheduled to begin in September, as well as other future academies.

As an academy participant, you'll experience a variety of subjects ranging from basic law enforcement and its role in the community to discussions and demonstrations with the various units within the department including SWAT, Crisis Negotiation, Narcotics, and Traffic. Hands on exercises will include the demonstration of self defense, officer safety and crime scene processing. A ride-along during a shift with a patrol officer will further the participants understanding of the patrol function.

The theme for this academy class will be “***Understanding Through Education***”, with the goal being to enlighten the public on police operations and increase the rapport between the police department and the general public.

Applications as well as additional information relative to this academy can be obtained by contacting Parma Police Captain Wayne Schmigel at (440) 887-7328. It is requested that only those with a genuine interest need apply.

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